



Hare & Tortoise Pinot Noir 2020

Grape Variety:	Pinot Noir
Region:	Yarra Valley
Elevation:	190m
Winemaker:	Nicholas Crampton & Tim Shand
Closure:	Screwcap
Alcohol:	13.5%
Pack Size:	6 Bottle Pack

Summary: The wine regions of the great state of Victoria are some of Australia's most picturesque and historical. Today we can expect to see exciting wines and evocative wine styles as common fare. Hare & Tortoise represents the steady pursuit of fine, individual, regional wines of great drinkability & interest through patience, knowledge and a hands-off approach to winemaking.

Vineyard: Sourced from a combination of upper and lower Yarra Vineyards, but primarily from vineyards within the Coldstream sub-region.

Winemaking: Single Vineyard Pinot Noir that was hand picked de-stemmed and fully fermented in open top fermenters with a small addition of whole bunches for complexity. then cold soaked for three days prior to a cool ferment and pressed at dryness. It was then left on its lees for five months before bottling without any sulphur.

2020 Vintage: while the rest of Australia had a horror vintage in 2020, the Yarra Valley fared much better. Overall it was an excellent vintage, despite early concerns around smoke and disease pressure. Ultimately a mild year primarily driven by tighter, smaller bunches, with naturally high acidity, great flavour and vibrant colours across the board.

Tasting Note: Dark hues with a cherry/berry burnish. Absolute Pinosity exemplified with plum, spice, strawberry and earthy notes. The palate is light to medium weighted but with complex and long-lived flavour. Lifted red fruits with the subtle complexing of earth, minerals and forest floor. A beautiful Pinot Noir that is drinking superbly now but will also reward short term cellaring.

